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Dear Chairman Berry and Members of the Business and Labor Committee:

I am writing in support of HB 258 that would authorize Benefit Corporations to incorporate in Montana.

Since West Paw Design began manufacturing pet products in Montana in 1996, we have grown through the hard work of our employees as well as the the local support of our community. We currently employ over 80 people, export to 28 countries and sell 95% of our products outside the state of Montana. Since our beginning we have been committed to providing benefits to our employees, our community and the environment all while successfully turning a profit and creating jobs in Montana.


As a business owner, I have seen the rise of entrepreneurs who are using the power of business to create jobs through wise reinvestment of the profits. Montana needs to pass HB 258 so we have the ability to welcome new types of business and corporations while furthering our entrepreneurial spirit. By allowing for Benefit Corporations, Montana can attract new businesses who want to be profitable, create jobs and pay taxes.

As a 5th generation Montanan, I was born and raised in Columbus. It was there I learned of the importance of strong local businesses. As a former Board member of the Montana Manufacturing Extension Center, I have experienced first hand the positive impact that growing companies can have on their local communities.

In closing, Montana needs to provide an attractive and competitive landscape for businesses that value their impact on the economy. Regardless if it is more manufacturers, service providers, or high tech firms, our state needs successful businesses. Benefit Corporations are a great way we can improve our economy through profitable, tax-paying companies.

I hope you will consider voting **aye vote on HB 258**. We have an important opportunity to use Montana businesses as a force for good in the world.

Thank you for your time,


Spencer Williams
Owner and President

